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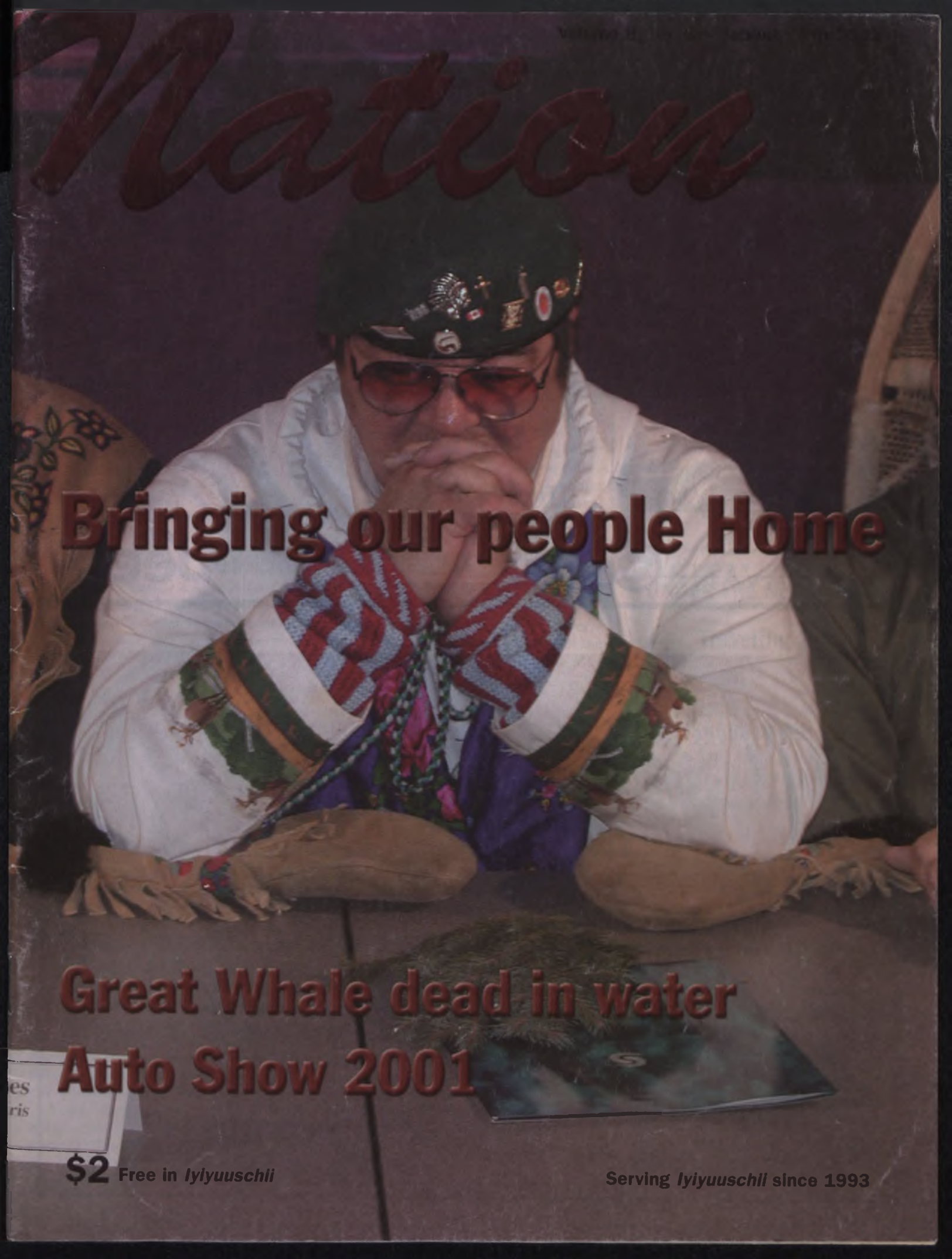

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The walk of the Youth has awakened us all to the need of holding the government of Quebec to its obligations to the Cree people, solemnly entered into in 1975.

We will never forget!

Je me souviens!

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Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)
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Reporting: Speech from the Throne

I never realized what dirty, no-good, slow moving S.O.B.'s the Aboriginal leadership was until I picked up the Gazette on Monday January 29th. I learnt through the good writings of journalist Joan Brydan that the Federal Government of Canada was "exasperated by the snail's pace of treaty negotiations" and that they are looking at a "new, more practical approach to the plight of Canada's aboriginal people aimed at producing more immediate results."

My lord, what heroes! And to think all along that First Nations leadership in Canada sold us the big lie that the government was responsible for such facts of Native life like the poor and insufficient housing, suicides, alcoholism, diminishing land bases, poverty and residential school problems.

Why I bet it was the chiefs, themselves, who set up and maintained the residential school problem.

I know this article said that the "negotiations have dragged on for years" and this certainly implied that the chiefs dragged their feet while the valiant government workers and negotiators were chomping at the bit looking to leap forward like the well-bred and trained racehorses they are.

Surely the Fed's and Quebec had nothing to do with not fully implementing the JBNQA, must have been the Cree negotiating team.

While the Feds will be continuing to address the long-term efforts to negotiate treaties and self-government agreements they will also be looking at "short-term measures" that are "needed to begin redressing problems and producing concrete results immediately."

One of the things the government is promising is programs to "promote economic development in native communities."

Praise the Lord! Whatever the chiefs have been doing for the past few decades hasn't been working as well as the rest of Canada and no one can tell me that it was the result of the Federal Governments' Buffalo Jump Program to make reserves so miserable that Injuns would flock to the city to undergo assimilation.

Those situations and others allegedly orchestrated or funded by the Fed's weren't ultimately responsible for the gas sniffing either but our saintly Prime Minister is going to give Aboriginal children across this great and democratic land of Canada a promise of "enhanced or new early childhood development programs."

Yes, Chretien and his cabinet crew of earth-bound angels will be ensuring that Aboriginal people along with the disabled, immigrants and the illiterate are not left behind choking of the dust of Canadians racing towards the good life.

What a man, what a government, what a country!!!! C'est mon pays!!

Surely the actions of the Canadian Crew at the United Nations, demanding that brackets should be put around the final "s" in "Aboriginal Peoples" so we wouldn't have the right of peoples under international law, are just the misguided actions of a few bad apples.

Surely the past inactions on the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples were only because the Federal Government was saving all those solutions for the new millennium. A new 1,000 years and new hopes with a plan to right the wrongs and make things better. No fourth Reich jokes from you naysayers in the back please. The cultural genocidal practices of assimilation, sterilization, forced adoption and such are a thing of the past perpetuated by misunderstood, ethnocentric and uninformed Indian Agents and mostly non-government workers.

This is a new day in which the government shall step forward on the sacred path of truth and trust. With infinite patience they shall assist and guide their First Nations brethren down the steps into being a part of what the United Nations calls the number one place in the world to live. Yes, we shall no longer have to be number 63 in terms of living conditions in the world! Rejoice-one and all!!! It's a proud day for Canada and all Canadians!

Wait! Just found out that these promises don't have any money attached to them. Crap! Just disregard the fawning sympocratic writing of an optimistic fool. It's business as usual with the Fed's promising and the Aboriginal People listening and waiting for a delivery that's only going to happen in Never-Never Land.

byWill Nicholls

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How to be a Superstar

Man, was I surprised to see Ndiamon and Wernie Ebb jump out the plane and onto the frozen tarmac. They immediately shivered in the arctic winds and disappeared into the circa 1950's hangar after a few soul greetings and handshakes. Little did I know that they were going to use me as a guinea pig in their mad plot to win the world over with my superstar on-screen qualities and their supposedly superb cinematic prowess in the field of comedy, no less?

"Surprise!" they say when I enter my office. "We're going to make you our hero in this skit. We've been planning this for a while now and we couldn't think of anyone else who could fit the role of the ice fishing superhero. You're the one and only legend.

"Cool," I say. I can't help but wonder if I'll get my own dressing room and then I remember, hey this is Rezolution Pictures, they can't have a dressing room, and I slowly return from my first glimpse of stardom. "Ice fishing? Where are you guys from? Mooyac?"

"Don't worry, there'll be cheerleaders in the film and commentators with their own desk," Wernie quickly shoots back...Apparently Wernie calls the shots when it comes to calling the shots.

"Coooool...How about stuntmen and special effects?"

Ndiamon interrupts, "That's all taken care of. It's going to be good, man. Just say, make it so, man and it'll work." Ndiamon is the camera man and I've seen his special effects, mainly good focus shots.

"Really cool, man, I'm going to be a superstar." I quickly sniff my fingers in homage to the movie "Superstar" and everyone cracks up. "Make it so," I say and make it a point to see the team more often during their sojourn into the Great White North. The team also had another member, some nice girl, I think, Rain Deer, something like that. She's the soundperson.

A few days later, I'm wondering if they'll ever get to my scenes. How do you rise to superstardom if you don't get filmed? Lesson one: You insist.

"The weather's got to be either really blizzardy and incredibly horrible, to show how tough you are, or it's got to be a really nice day so we can capitalize on your unique comedic facial structures, you know, like really in focus and close up. It's one or the other," Ndiamon explains.

The whole week has been drab with neither the bluster to cause a really bad storm nor the incentive to blow over the clouds. It was biting cold and work requiring delicate fingerwork neither dampened the Rezolution of the team nor slow them down. They would have been proud to work for Canada Post back in the old days when dog teams were the only means of transportation in the winter months. But hell this is modern day communications and everything is recorded with digital quality and I know that this could be the chance for superstardom for the one and only me. I hang around as much as possible and hope their hard work sways into my direction. Lesson two – Persist.

Finally, I wake the groggy crew on Saturday morning (after a barhopping Friday night in town until closing time) with a yell, "C'mon man, it's finally a great day to go fishing." Lesson three – never be afraid to be bossy when it comes to achieving your superstardom.

I had rounded up a cabin and some necessary props to do the shots and drove the big production team and film crew to the shooting site at the lonely cabin by the lake. "It's cold," everyone comments. I agree with them and the preparations switch to actually shooting me walking out. The general directions were to come across as "The Legend" as the world knows it in the ice fishing milieu and generally win the world championship ice fishing competition as a result.

I walk in the way only a Marlboro smoker knows, across the (thick or thin!) ice towards the film crew. My ice chisel squeaks the – 30 C. snow as I use it to feel my way across the frozen expanse in search of my prey, the elusive January trout. Lesson four – who cares how you act, it's who you know and who knows you that counts.

We discover the ice is 3-4 feet thick. A lot of time sharing the ice chiseling and keeping warm somehow. Lesson five – when you do film, have lots of stunt actors do the dirty work.

It was bitterly cold, but I reveled in the effect of the –29 C on the film crew. Let's go inside and eat the fish was the general consensus just before sundown and we all scurried over to the preheated cabin. The fish was excellent and kudos to the cooks. Lesson five – hire catering services.

For some strange reason, I failed to ask where the cheerleaders were until after the shoot was done and wondered if I was really to win the world championship ice fishing competition. "Never fear," says Ndiamond and Wernie. "Everything's cool," says RainDeer.

"Make it so," I say and the plane departs with 200 minutes of my 15 seconds of fame and fortune (everything measured in nanoseconds these days). Final lesson – don't stop until you're satisfied that you are a superstar.

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Great Whale dead in the water again

Like some monster in a bad horror movie, the Great Whale project has been killed for the third time.

The Grand Council of the Crees issued a press release on Jan. 22 rejecting the latest proposal to revive the hard-to-kill hydro-electric project.

This time, Crees were promised that they would eventually be 100-percent owners of the facility.

The Grand Council still isn't interested. "Great Whale is still dead," said Grand Chief Ted Moses in the statement.

"The Crees rejected the Great Whale River hydro-electric project when it was last proposed by Hydro-Quebec. That decision still stands," he said.

Moses said Crees are still trying to get Hydro-Quebec to fulfill past obligations dating back to the 1975 James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement.

"Until those obligations are respected, it does not make sense to discuss new proposals.

"My office is constantly receiving proposals for all kinds of projects, including hydro projects. But no approval has been given for any projects concerning Great Whale."

The press release was issued one day after *The Montreal Gazette* carried a report that Cree band officials in Whapmagoostui and Chisasibi were quietly discussing a proposal to develop the Great Whale.

Contacted after the Grand Council issued its press release, Whapmagoostui Chief David Masty agreed that the project is now on ice.

"It's dead as far as we are concerned," he told *The Nation*.

Some Cree officials were angered about the discussions, saying they had been going on for months with virtually no community involvement.

On Jan. 18, the proposal was on the agenda at a community meeting in Whapmagoostui. Sources said community members, including a number of Elders, were highly opposed to reviving the project, regardless of who owns it.

"It's still a no, a big no," said one community member.

The latest plan came from Toronto engineering firm Amec Inc., which proposed to design and finance the project. The idea was to dam up the Great Whale River and divert it into Hydro-Quebec's existing La Grande dam complex.

At Amec, there was confusion after the Grand Council press release. A spokesman denied the company had made any proposal to the Crees. "As far as I know, there is no proposal that has been by this company," said Hugh Irvine, an Amec official in Oakville, Ont. "Maybe some engineers were talking to some Crees. (But) I would be surprised (if there was a proposal)."

Gérald Désourdy, a consultant to Amec in Montreal familiar with the proposal, scoffed at Irvine's comment, but wouldn't comment on the Cree press release: "It is a project that belongs to the Crees, so it's up to them to comment."

Ghislain Ouellet, Hydro-Quebec's vice-president for operation of generating facilities, also said he hadn't heard of the idea: "It's the first time I've heard of it. What you tell me surprises me."

by Alex Roslin

Canada illegally spied on Mohawks at Oka: ex-spy

An ultra-secret Canadian spy agency broke the law by spying on barricaded Mohawks during the Oka Crisis of 1990, according to a former Canadian intelligence officer.

The allegations come from Fred Stock, who worked for the secretive Communications Security Establishment between 1987 and 1991.

The agency, known as The Farm to employees, is part of the Canadian Forces and spies on phone calls, faxes, email and satellite communications. It is prohibited by law from spying on Canadians.

Stock worked as a data processor in the agency's communications centre in Ottawa, where all intercepted traffic passed.

"I got to see everything," said Stock, who, prior to joining CSE, spent nine years with the Canadian Forces communications research section, known as the "291ers."

Stock told *The Nation* that at the beginning of the 11-week armed standoff, several dozen CSE employees and 291ers were assembled for the operation.

"They gathered anyone they had of Native background in case of conversations in a Native language," said Stock in a phone interview from his home in Stratford, Ont., where he is on a disability pension.

"They got two or three days of briefings and took over a floor in a hotel just outside Oka."

Stock said the CSE team spent the rest of the crisis holed up in the hotel spying on the Mohawks. "They monitored every form of communications -- telephone, fax, email, CB, ham radio. They spied on any communications they believed would be available to the Natives.

"They were monitoring everything and reporting to the CSE," he said.

Stock said he doesn't know which hotel

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Great Whale

Dear Nation,

In response to your article "Secretive Talks on Reviving Great Whale". I am shocked and amazed at the audacity of these Cree leaders. I remember all the efforts and millions of Cree dollars we spent to stop the destruction of the Great Whale river. Now these two band councils are willing to go ahead on their own?

The Cree Nation would look like what? To the rest of the world who supported us in our efforts to preserve our precious Great Whale. I sure hope our brothers and sisters from Whapmagoostui will defend their rights by not allowing such foolish talks to ever become a reality. We stood as a nation to stop outsiders from destroying this majestic river before. Now we are faced with would be destroyers from amongst our own people.

After pleading our case to the world we are going to turn around and destroy ourselves? Whatever happened to all the environmental issues or our way of lives? Do these leaders think that because they will be involved these damages will no longer occur or matter?

We must not let these power drunk individuals make such irreparable decisions. We are the people and they represent us, but, they do not hold our destiny.

We are now in another court battle involving forestry, what for? Are we wasting millions so that in a couple of years these same leaders will turn around and do like they are doing in Great Whale? We spend all this money to stop destruction of our land and then we are told we will destroy it ourselves. Who will ever support us in our time of need? When we first fought Hydro-Quebec, we seeked support from all over the world and we received it and people admired us for our love for the land. Now this? MADNESS!!!

As for Steven Bearskin who seems to be having "Bourassa's Wet Dream" claims with excitement that this will be the first of its kind 100% Cree owned and that it will provide long term jobs and revenue. Well, how convenient, he should be saying what he really means. This project will be 100% Cree financed and everyone but the Crees will benefit. Like Cree Construction, itself. I invite Mr. Bearskin to make public how many employees he has and tell us how many Crees possess permanent jobs amongst these, I said permanent, not temporary bottom scale contracts. How many millions of Cree dollars have they wasted? Has everyone forgotten the $160,000,000.00 taken from the Heritage Fund? We are getting rid of Servinor or so I read in the Nation. Good!!! but, there will be a lot of white people out of work... Maybe Cree Construction should be next if they do not provide long term employment for the Crees " Us the owners".

I think it is time that the Cree Nation wakes up and takes control of their futures. Quit telling our children that with Cree Construction a slashing job is the best they can get, while Bearskin and his pale companions live like kings.

I hope the "NATION" will print this and I hope that the whole Cree Nation will make a stand and write to the Nation stating their concerns, if we remain silent we will lose our children's futures and our land to the hands of a few.

Robert,
A disgusted Cree from Mistissini

Air Creebec may have to leave Dorval

Air Creebec passengers might be touching down at St. Hubert Airport one day soon instead of Dorval.

Air Creebec's hangar on the west side of the airport is slated for demolition as Dorval goes through a $180-million expansion.

The structure is one of five large hangars used by Air Canada, Royal Airlines, Air Inuit, Air Creebec and other airlines.

The airlines clean their planes there, do pre- and post-flight checks, load on freight and leave planes there overnight.

Dorval reportedly wants to tear the hangars down by 2004 to give big planes at the congested airport more manoeuvring room.

Air Creebec hopes it can find space in a new hangar at Dorval, but the Cree-owned airline fears that hangar prices might go up and no longer be affordable.

That means Air Creebec might have to move to another airport like St. Hubert or faraway Mirabel, said Albert Diamond, the company's president.

"There is a chance the smaller airlines could be forced to move out," he said.

"The cost will go up because of the cost of the new hangars to be built. Also, they may not build enough for everyone."

Diamond said Air Creebec is hoping to find new space at Dorval well before the scramble for hangar space starts in the next couple of years.

But if that fails, Air Creebec might leave Dorval or base fewer planes there.

The main problem with leaving Dorval, he said, is that's where passengers catch connecting flights. The solution would be to have a courtesy van shuttle passengers back and forth.

A Dorval Airport spokeswoman didn't return several calls. The airport administration has been accused of being overly secretive in media reports.

The St. Hubert Airport is about the same distance from downtown as Dorval – 15 to 30 minutes, depending on traffic.

The airport's manager, Michel Beaudoin, said the trip is usually faster than to Dorval because of less traffic.

The St. Hubert airport, built in 1930, is one of Canada's oldest. It was a military airport until 1970 and is now used by private flying clubs.

The airport's 7,840-foot runway is long enough for the large passenger planes, but the pavement still has to be strengthened and a passenger terminal has to be built.

Transport Canada now owns the airport, but is in negotiations to sell it to a prospective private-sector buyer.

Some airlines are complaining there isn't a lot of information about Dorval Airport's expansion.

"I don't know what's happening at Dorval Airport. They don't tell us too much," said a manager at an airline that operates at Dorval.

An employee at Air Canada, who requested anonymity, confirmed rumours are flying that the airport will tear down his company's hangar and those nearby.

He also complained about the poor state of airport services and facilities: "This airport is the pits. It's embarrassing."

by Alex Roslin

Health board issues cold medicine warning

Crees are being advised to stay away from dozens of cold medicines that contain something called PPA -- short for phenylpropanolamine.

This PPA is used for stuffy noses and is present in many cough, cold, sinus and allergy medications.

The warning comes from the Cree Health Board and Health Canada after a study showed some people had suffered strokes after taking medicines with PPA.

The risk is low, but young women who took PPA in weight loss pills were at higher risk. Check the list of ingredients or ask at your health clinic.

Medicines with PPA include Alka-Seltzer Plus Cold Medicine, Dimetane Expectorant Liquid, several Dimetapp products, Triaminic DM Daytime Syrop, Caldomine DH Enfant and Contac Cold Capsules.

Clinton out, Peltier still in

Leonard Peltier's hopes for a presidential pardon were dashed when Bill Clinton freed more than 150 people from jail, but not him.

The outgoing president waited until his last day in office to decide that Peltier wouldn't be among those pardoned.

Pardons went to a slew of jailed businesspeople, former politicians and his own brother, Roger, for a drug charge.

Among those freed were several people connected to the Whitewater-corruption scandal, which threatened to bring down Clinton and his wife.

Clinton extended a pardon to his former Whitewater business partner Susan McDougal, who was jailed after refusing to testify against the president.

Her former husband, Arkansas savings and loan operator James McDougal, was also convicted at the same trial, but he took a different path.

He chose to implicate the Clintons in wrongdoing before his sudden death in prison.

A pardon also went to former Navajo Nation Chairman Peter MacDonald, 72. He had been sitting in a Texas jail since 1992 for his role in a riot that resulted in the

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they stayed in or exactly what traffic was picked up.

At the outset of the operation, Stock said he was dubious about its legality and spoke about it with another CSE employee. "I said, 'Should we be doing this?' He smiled and shrugged. He didn't know."

Stock said the Oka operation was clearly against the law. "They're not supposed to spy on Canadians. The mandate states that they are only (supposed to target) foreign communications.

"They acted outside their mandate."

CSE spokesman Kevin Mills refused to speak about any of the agency's operations, but added, "We don't target the communications of Canadians. We are a foreign intelligence agency. Aboriginal people are from our point of view Canadians."

Stock was eventually put on paid leave in 1991 and officially terminated in 1993, he says, after raising too many questions about the CSE's activities.

Stock received a cash settlement in August 1995 upon leaving the agency. He says the CSE tried to discredit him and distort his employment record after he started speaking out.

In 1995, the Toronto Star first suggested the CSE likely spied on the Mohawks in 1990. It cited a Sept. 27, 1990, Defense Department news release that said, "In response to the activities at Oka and due to intercept of communications at Kahanawake, the 2nd Battalion RCR and 3rd Battalion Van Doos were placed on increased alert."

The Star noted, "Since department sources have often claimed the Mohawk warriors possess sophisticated radio sets which constantly change frequencies and use electronic scrambling to defeat monitoring, the only conceivable unit capable of intercepting these type of communications is the CSE."

Media reports have also suggested that a super-secret elite military unit known as Joint Task Force-2 was deployed to Oka during an escalation in hostilities in 1992 to conduct surveillance.

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deaths of two of his supporters in 1989.

MacDonald was removed from office for taking bribes and kickbacks. The two supporters were killed on July 20, 1989, by tribal police during a march to protest what they considered a coup against their leader.

MacDonald was sentenced to 14 years for inciting the deadly riot.

You can write to Leonard to give him your support at:

Leonard Peltier, #89637-132, P.O. Box 1000, Leavenworth, KS, 66048, USA

U.S. senators attack Canada's forestry policy

Canada's forestry policy came under heavy fire during U.S. Senate hearings last month.

The criticisms came during confirmation hearings for the new U.S. trade representative. He will lead negotiations with Canada on the highly disputed export of Canadian lumber to the U.S.

Almost two-thirds of Canadian lumber gets exported to the U.S., but American business is complaining that low Canadian stumpage fees and loose environmental regulations mean Canadian wood is heavily subsidized.

The Americans say the cheap Canadian wood is costing U.S. jobs.

The Grand Council of the Crees and B.C. First Nations have tried to tap into this U.S. sentiment, saying the cheap Canadian wood is also hurting Native people.

U.S. senators spent most of the confirmation hearings attacking Canadian forestry policy. "This could ignite a trade war," said Republican Senator Max Baucus. He said Canadians "are very tough customers and they assume we're going to roll over and turn the other cheek."

Canadian forestry companies are upset about a quota that was created in 1996 that limits Canadian wood exports to the U.S.

Algonquin faces prison over logging protest

An Algonquin man is going on trial in Val d'Or in March for blocking logging trucks in the La Vérendrye Wildlife Reserve. He faces a possible prison term.

Jacob Wawatie, of Barrière Lake, was charged with public mischief last August when police raided a checkpoint he had helped erect on a logging road.

"It wasn't a roadblock," Wawatie said in media reports.

"We have a criteria (under) which vehicles could pass -- the public, fishermen, hunters, but not logging trucks."

Montreal-based Domtar Inc. plans to cut nearly all of the wildlife reserve over the next 25 years, including large areas of virgin old-growth forest.

Two-thirds of the wildlife reserve has already been impacted, said Wawatie, whose community is located inside the reserve.

No environmental-impact study is required for Domtar to clearcut.

Montreal's AutoShow 2001

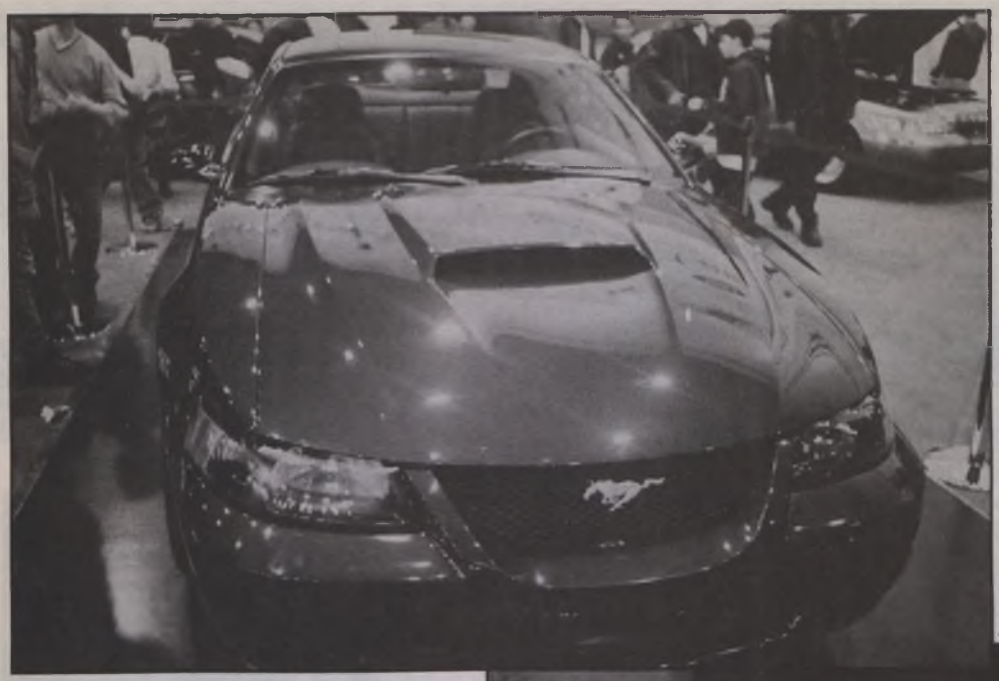
1904 Oldsmobile

——by Will Nicholls——

Once again the Olympic Stadium was the place of choice for the Montreal Auto Show 2001. No one so much as whispered a word about the time the show was canceled due to snow caving in the roof. It was obvious that this wasn't a problem for the 90,000 or so people who showed up to look, compare and even buy a new vehicle.

There was a lot to see. Included in the show were Omega watches, AT&T and as I was noticing those my eyes fastened on three shoeshine boys doing brisk business. Anyone can see that it's more than just a car shows these days. I noticed a lot of the older products that you sometimes see on the late, late infomercial shows. You know the stuff, let's pour grease, acid, dirt and lighter fluid on this car hood, mix it in and now burn it! See the mixture bubbling? Normally you would get this stuff off of your car but with this old car hood I found in the dump, just look at that shine...etc.etc. Well, a lot of those boys were there shilling their products at a discount for car show patrons.

The usual crowd and more was there. By this I mean the lookers, those people who wanted to see what was new and cool and perhaps dream of what they couldn't afford. There were so many of them, a living logjam was the norm whenever something cool was being shown or happening. The showcases were more crowded than in past years, it seemed, and there were more of them giving everyone something to interest them. I know CKOI's loverly pinkish-lavender car made made me think that riding one to work would have to be the result of losing a bet, but no accounting for taste or lack there of I guess.



Ford Mustang is looking good

behind the wheel of a Formula 1 simulator. I'm lucky I didn't get to test drive the cars as a crashing fireball seemed to be the results of my speed in the simulators.

Another cool spot was the motorcycle portion of the show. Unfortunately so many people were looking at them you couldn't get near the best ones. The only complaint I might have is that my favorite vehicles were the concept ones and some may never even make to the production line.

I stayed away from even inquiring about the Porsche or Lambourgini's prices this year but couldn't help but stop to see some antiques. Those antiques were worth about $1 million apiece except for one, which was worth approximately $5 million. Speed demons can catch a glimpse of two cars. One went 432 miles per hour while the other did a mere 300 miles per hour. By the way the 300 MPH car was a Pontiac Firebird 265. And while I wasn't allowed to do any test driving to see if the cars could make to 300 MPH and beyond, I was allowed to test my speeding abilities

Landrover Discovery- a nice looking vehicle

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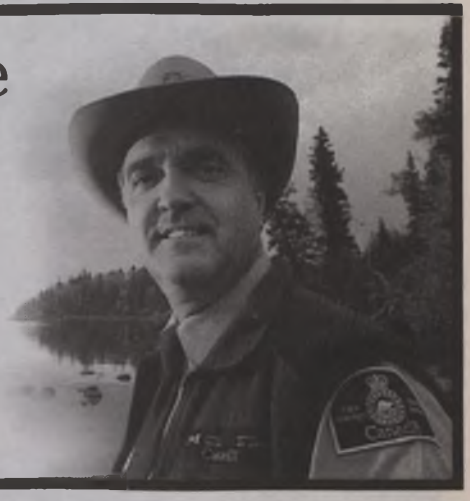

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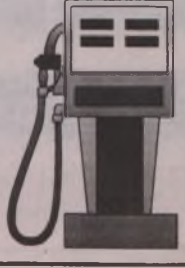

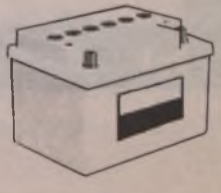

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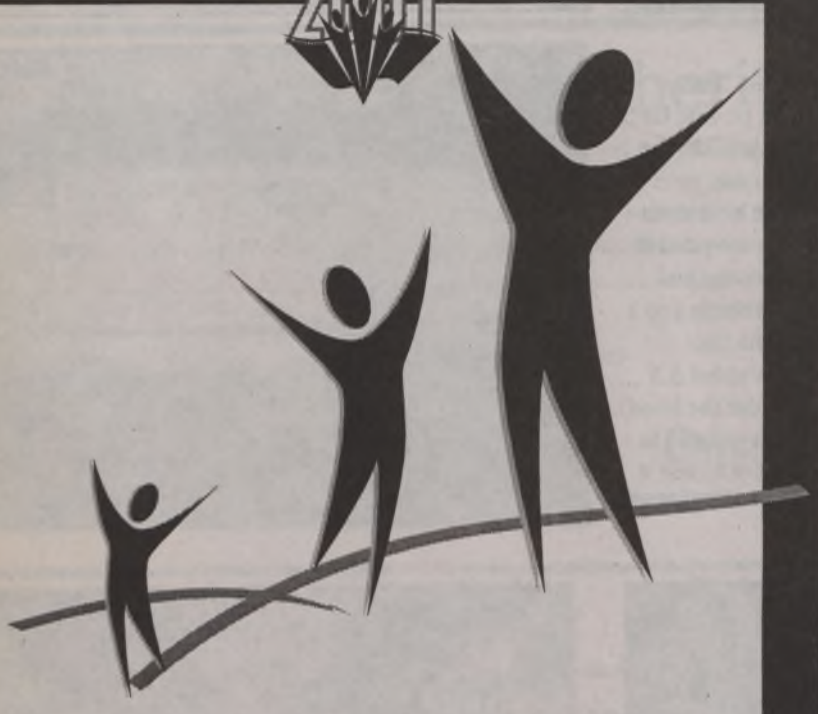

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Dialysis clinic brings Crees Home

by William Nicholls
photos by Waashtaau Communications

The big moment has finally arrived and was celebrated on January 22, 2001 when a kidney dialysis clinic was officially opened in the Chibougoumou hospital. No longer would Crees have to go to Montreal for dialysis treatments.

Unfortunately the Nation couldn't make it to the ceremonies marking the arrival of the kidneydialysis units.

Fortunately for us, the crew fromWaashtaau Communications was on hand and sent us these photos so we could bring them to you.

A big thanks goes out to Derek, Dan and to Ian for taking the time to send them to us via internet.

This is a photo of youth Grand Chief Ashley Iseroff giving James A. Gunner an award. Gunner's walk through the Heartland of Eeyou Istchee, called Bringing Our People Home, helped to raise the money that made the kidney dialysis clinic possible. Both Crees and non-Cree residents in and surrounding Chibougoumou will benefit from this Cree initiative.

There were seven walkers who completed the entire journey through the heartland of Eeyou Istchee from Whapmagoustui to Mistissini stopping at every one of the Eastern James Bay communities. They were given awards at the opening of the diaysis unit in recognition of their efforts. The Crees honoured were James a. Gunner, John Rabbitskin, Minnie Wapachee, Abraham Ottereyes, "John John" Sam, Charlie Petawabino and John S. Matoush. As a result of the walk there are five hemo-dialysis machines in the Chibougamau Hospital. A job well done!

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Posting #113 Computer Technician (Permanent) (Administration)

The Troilus Division is presently searching for a COMPUTER TECHNICIAN (Administration) to join their young and dynamic management team. The Troilus Division is a gold and copper open pit mine with a mill capacity that has been upgraded to 15,000 tpd. The mine site is located at 175 km north of Chibougamau by way of the "Route du Nord". The selected candidate will work on a 4.3 schedule (4 days of work, 3 days off) and will be lodged at the site's first quality camp.

Required qualifications:

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- Perform occasionally some training.

Particularities and remuneration:

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At the press conference at Chibougamau Hospital

Evening celebrations were hosted in nearby Ouje-Bougoumou.

One of the youth, Minnie Wapachee recieving her award

Cutting the cake

Ashley Iseroff said that "the realization of the clinic shows what Natives and non-Natives can accomplish when we all join together with a common goal." The walk raised over $350,000 and had over 70 Crees walking on snow-shoes during the 1400 kilometre trek.

Iseroff added during the celebration that "this initiative of our youth has been such an inspiration to all Crees." the walk had been a joint effort of the Cree Nation Youth Council and had technical support from the Centre Regional de Sante et de Services Sociaux de la Baie-James.

CREES AND QUEBEC MAKE PROGRESS IN RESOLVING PROBLEMS WITH THE HEALTH BOARD

"The Quebec negotiation process has resolved a long outstanding issue relating to health benefits."

"I congratulate Minister Marois for her efforts in working with us. For years the Cree Health board has been under-funded. In fact it was never properly funded to undertake the mandate set out for it in the James Bay Agreement. The settlement with Quebec on these issues allows the Board to free up funding already in the core budget. It should be able to improve its services to the Crees,"

"As part of the agreement the Health Board's deficit has been resolved."

"We will now be able to turn the discussions on the Board toward the issues concerning other health and social services. We will also now be able to improve patient transport and some of the other services at the Board. Our communities need good health services to deal with the diabetes epidemic. Rapid changes to our way of life have brought this and other health problems. We are building the Health Board so that it can provide the best treatment available to our people,"

Grand Chief Ted Moses

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Eeyou Awaash Foundation Update

We would like to inform everyone on the Eeyou Awaash Foundation's fundraising activities. We have also included a brief history of how and why the Eeyou Awaash Foundation started.

Through the initiatives of parents and grandparents of children with Cree Leukoencephalopathy and Cree Encephalitis, a meeting was held on September 28, 1999. In addition to the relatives of the children, other concerned people were present, as well as Dr. Robert Harris and Dr. Deborah Black. Dr. Black has been involved with the families since the 1980's. It was decided to raise money and continue the research which had been stopped due to a lack of funds. After further meetings the committee finalized the Eeyou Awaash Foundation. The objectives of the Foundation are to:

- raise awareness of these two diseases;
- raise funds for research;
- form a support group;
- dispel myths and rumours about the causes of the diseases.

On January 18, 2000 with the help of Robert Mainville, the foundation was officially incorporated and thus began the fundraising campaign for Cree Leukoencephalopathy and Cree Encephalitis. On January 13, 2000, the Regional Youth Council announced its decision to start the **Journey into the Heart of the Eeyou Istchee, Healing our Present and the Future Generations** with all funds raised to go to the Eeyou Awaash Foundation.

A coffee shop was opened (all supplies were donated by the Chisasibi Co-op) which besides raising thousands of dollars helped keep people informed of the Journey's progress.

The participants of the journey finished in Nemaska in April and the majority of the committee members and their families were present to welcome them home.

Five to six laboratories were interested in the research, but that has been narrowed down to two. The committee would like to work closely with several labs. We feel that each lab could work on certain areas of research, this way, the more labs working, the quicker we will get results. Doctor Black has been corresponding with two doctors from the Montreal Children's Hospital and from the University of Western Ontario who are willing to collaborate.

Besides the laboratory research where they will be looking for the specific gene that is causing the diseases, there is also the need for comprehensive family trees of the involved parents and grandparents. This has been done by Janie Pachanos who is in the process of entering the data on a special software program.

Recently, progress has been slowed because of detailed proposals that have to be drafted, as outlined by the Cree Health Board's Research committee. We hope that the New Year will see the actual start of the lab research.

To date, approximately $150,000.00 has been raised, most due to the efforts of the Regional Youth Council through the Journey into the Heart of Eeyou Istchee, Healing our Present and the Future Generations.

Again the Eeyou Awaash Foundation would like to thank everyone – individuals and entities alike for their contributions and support.

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In Memory

Bill Lazarus- 1966-2000

Because he had many friends and acquaintances in the Cree communities, the family has requested that the Eulogy that was read at his funeral be published.

Eulogy for Bill Lazarus

William Howard Lazarus was born on November 22, 1966 to David and Eva Lazarus and grandson to Laura Rickard. He would be the 7th chid and 5th son of the family. He would soon become known as Billy and would often refer to his date of birth being "11-22-66".

He is survived by his wife Jeannie and their children, Tanita age 10, Tyson age 8, baby Trisha age 5 and Jeremy age 12; four sisters, Pearl Chilton and husband Earl, Christine Cheechoo and husband Earl, Heather Moore and husband Greg, and his youngest sister Cindy; and four brothers, George's wife Bertha, Peter partner Leslie, Dan wife Rita, Delmer wife Barb. Within his family, he is also leaving behind 12 nieces, 8 nephews, one great-nephew, numerous cousins, aunts, uncles, and friends.

Bill married into a second family, father-in-law Morley, mother-in-law Mary, sister-in-law Cindy, brother-in-law Warren, his wife Nora and Cheyenne.

As a younger child, Billy was carefree and mischievous, which often led to pranks and accidents. Of all siblings, Bill was the most accident-prone. Bill's childhood was spent around his Granny's house with many of his cousins and friends. Billy spent a lot of time with Juanita and Paula, most of which was teasing them. They would tell their Granny that Billy was teasing them, and they were always told to stop playing with him. Nevertheless, the girls would continue to play with Billy and would eventually end up crying. Billy would later be seen walking away singing "Jesus Loves Me."

Bill was always so loving, caring and easy to be with. Bill always made people laugh with his great sense of humour, whether he was teasing or telling a joke. Bill was never harsh with his words and always gave

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a loving, gentle nudge. Bill looked up to his brothers and sisters, and they felt the same way toward him. Billy was also a protector and openly provided advice. Everyone always looking out for each other.

Bill loved to be outdoors camping, fishing and hunting. Bill also had a great passion for hockey and baseball. It was during these times he bonded and made many treasured memories with family and friends.

Bill went on many tournaments throughout Ontario and Quebec, winning many medallions and trophies. With his big handsome smile, nodding head, humour and wit, he easily made friends wherever he went. It was on one of these tournaments in 1987 that he met a girl named Jeannie McKee. Right away, his close friends knew that there was something special between them. They began talking on the phone and exchanging letters. Bill and Jeannie ended up attending school in Timmins, and this was the start of their relationship. Bill eventually followed his heart and started a new life in Chisasibi.

Bill and Jeannie gave birth to their first child, a beautiful girl whom he named Tanita Courtney on September 10, 1990.

Wedding vows uniting Bill and Jeannie as husband and wife were exchanged on July 26, 1991, here in this very church, surrounded by family and friends.

On July 10, 1992, Bill and Jeannie welcomed a handsome baby boy into their lives and named him Tyson George Meyobinoshkum.

Their sweet little baby girl, Trisha Mary Hannah Neebeesh was born on October 6, 1995.

In 1998, Bill and Jeannie introduced an addition to the family, a handsome young boy named Jeremy Edward; and with his own mischievious streak and big smile he easily became part of the family.

On Saturday, October 7, 2000, we lost our beloved husband, daddy, son, grandson, brother, uncle, cousin, nephew, son-in-law and friend. Bill will never be forgotten, he will live in our hearts and in his children and will remain in our memories, forever.

Bill will be sadly missed by Jeannie and his children, Mom and Dad, Granny, his brothers and sisters, many nieces and nephews, a great-nephew, cousins, in-laws and friends. The time we spent with Bill will be forever cherished within our hearts. He was taken away from us so suddenly; many of us have things we wished we could have done or said. One of these things being that "We love you Bill, we love you so very much. We will never forget you and the time we spent together. Billy, you will always be our baby boy, our baby brother, our daddy and a husband. We will miss you very much, Billy."

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Kenny Loon's resignation saddens community

Intern-chief John Longchap said it was very hard for Mistissini residents to understand why Kenny Loon resigned as Chief of Mistissini. "The people had no advance notice. They were shocked," Longchap said.

Longchap said the Band Council didn't foresee the effect the resignation would have on the community. "A lot of people were saddened by his decision to resign in the community but we respect that decision."

In a statement the Mistissini Band Council said the whole council regretted the resignation. The statement also said that Loon had discussed resigning before, but had been talked out of it by the council members.

Kenny Loon said he resigned for personal and family reasons. "It was getting difficult," said Loon. "My family was down south and I was in the north so I resigned in the best interests of the community and my family." Loon said his daughter has special needs and the doctors in the south knew her needs and medical history. "I had obligations both to my family and the community. It ended up not being fair to both of them," said Loon.

Loon went on to say that Cree communities need a chief who is there all the time and the toll of going south for the weekends was catching up to him.

He admits the community's reaction was mixed but said "people were sad mostly."

Loon said he felt concerns over his absence were legitimate. "That was one of the reasons I resigned rather have problems. I'm moving on to other things and want to say I don't disrespect anybody. It's regrettable that we couldn't find a working solution to everything."

The Council statement wished Loon all the best and hoped the Great Spirit would guide him and his family always.

Loon had originally made his resignation public on Thursday January 18. A special meeting was held in Mistissini and the subject of refusing to accept his resignation was brought up by community members who were informed the Cree-Naskapi Act has no provisions for doing that.

A nomination meeting for the position of Chief is scheduled for February 15 with an alternative date being February 19. Advance polls will be held on February 27th and the next day will be a travelling poll with regular polls happening March 6th.

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TRAVELING ON

BY XAVIER KATAQUAPIT

Most people I meet who are non-Native have a false perception of who my people are. I find this is even more so with European or Asian people as I travel through Spain.

For those of us who were born and raised in a First Nations community, life has not been a bed of roses. It is not easy to live in a land that is so far from the rest of civilization. The climate in our northern remote communities is extremely harsh. If life were perfect and we Crees on the James Bay coast still lived the natural nomadic lifestyle of our ancestors, we would be more happy.

The reality is that most remote First Nations communities are very poor, with few employment opportunities for community members as a result of a couple of centuries of domination by other cultures. Many of my people have lost hope.

There are many drug and alcohol problems in our remote First Nations communities and this is tearing apart the hearts and minds of our young people. Thankfully, there are people who are trying to make a difference, but they are few and they have an uphill struggle.

It has only been a decade since my community of Attawapiskat acquired running water, hot water and modern indoor toilets in most homes. I remember during the 1980s most people had to use outhouses and there was a series of ditches that ran through town that reeked of sewage and water waste. Alcohol and drugs flowed freely into the community. We only started to construct decent housing for my people over the past decade. Thankfully, our Elders are now living in more comfort.

It is very difficult for people to leave their remote community and move to live in the south. Most people achieve this by going to school or through the help of family or friends on the outside. There is little support from family and friends in the community when a community member decides to leave. Many people criticize the person who is making a move and declare that life on the outside is dangerous. This is strange to me considering that some of the most dangerous places in Canada to live are probably remote First Nations communities. Our incidents of tragedy and suicide are very high and we do not have doctors in the community in case of emergencies.

One key to success in living on the outside is to find and then to maintain sobriety. Although I believe very much in preserving our First Nations traditions and cultures, I also believe we should be able to live anywhere we choose and to travel and see the world if we can.

Anyone who is living in a remote community who wants to venture further south and experience other cultures and ways of living should do so. However, they must realize they may get very little support from their family and friends who cannot or do not want to make the same move.

I am grateful for the moves I have made and my community is still very important to me. My hope is that many more of my people will have the opportunities I have had and that our combined experiences will make our culture even stronger.

This past week I made friends with a Korean and a Japanese man. I met them while traveling and spent some time sharing our cultures through stories. I have a much better idea what the Korean and Japanese societies are about through this sharing with my two new friends. Many of the myths I had held about these cultures have been cleared up. I am sure they also have a better idea of the James Bay Cree culture as a result of our meeting.

Not surprisingly, we found we had more in common than not. I am reminded of the words of John Lennon in my recent travels, "You may say that I am a dreamer but I am not the only one. I hope some day you will join us and the world will be as one."

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101 - Birthdays

Happy birthday(s) to Elaine and Michael Dixon of Waswanipi, celebrating their 17th birthday(s) on February 17th, 2001. Ever since both of you came into this universe together, it has never been the same. Because you all try very hard, when 'life' just want to embrace you, not only are we proud 'parents', but we love and care for each one of you (Jason also). And we thank 'God' for the 'Willing hearts' you have. We just know that you will not celebrate your birthdays by drinking or smoking because 'choic-

es in life' are yours and yours alone, From 'trusting parents' Paul and Caroline Dixon XXXXXXXXXX

A special Birthday wish goes out to Charlotte Coonish on Feb. 6, 2001. May your birthday be as special as you are. With lots of Love, Julianna M. Coonish XOXOXOXO

I would like to wish a Happy Birthday to my daddy, Paul J. Coonish, on Feb. 8, 2001. May you have a blessed birthday! And many more birthdays to come! I love you so much. From you sweet baby, Julianne M. Coonish. XOXOXOXOXO

We would like to wish a happy 12th birthday to our one and only brother, Solomon Bobbish, on the 30th of January, 2001. We hope you'll keep up the good work playing hockey this year. And once again, happy 12th birthday (Bro) with love: from your sisters, Heather, April, Amy-June XOXOXOXOX

There is one special person in my life that I would like to wish a happy Valentines /happy Birthday to: Desiree Lydia Blacksmith, born on Feb. 14, 1984. You are my everything! Love always, Mom. (Waswanipi)

Happy 1st Birthday to Reggie Daniel Wapachee.Chiskamish on January 14, 2001. Love always, LesleyAnn, Christopher and Georgina.

Happy Birthday to my pride and joy, Peter Matthias Dylan Matoush, who turned seven years old on January

24th. I am so proud of you and all the things you do. You gave me life and happiness. I think of you everyday. Your birthday is one of the most memorable moments as you were born. I was in awe. Now you're Joomsoom's hunting companion. Love, Mommy. Dad, Booboo and baby Sara miss you and love you too.

We would like to wish Kitty (Matoush) Neeposh a happpy birthday (Jan.8). We love you and we hope you had a wonderful day! Love, Eileen, Tyron, Peter, Bentley, and Sara.

I would like to say happy birthday and was up to a very special friend of mine, mary jane wapachee(nemaska).she will be celebrating her 23rd birthday on feb. 2nd. don't party too hard in val d'or buddy. too bad I won't be there.from:L.A.J.(wask)

Happy Birthay Pat on the 9th of February!!! How old are you?? 16, again???

Hm, lemme see, 20 something!!! That much I know!!! Happy Birthay Pat! For this year, I wish you good health and lots of luv!!! Take Care sister, C U again! Guess Who??? :>)

Happy Birthday my dear sweet Tyra Shem. I know that you are unable to read this message but I hope your parents will let you know it is Mary that grants you a healthy happy year! This is your day girl, (Feb. 18th), the one day the Creator said: "Today is the day, Tyra will be born because she will bring joy and peace to the people who love and adore her." I know you are only a child yet you have taught me so much already!!! I miss you girl, so much that it hurts. You are always in my thoughts! I love you very much! Take care, girl! (XOXO)

Happy Birthday "PETE" on the 13th of February! Just think some odd years ago, the Creator said to himself, 'here is a caring soul who will touch people in his own special way. Those people who know the man, will always remember his inner qualities which make him an exceptional person..." I hope this year brings you true happiness, inner peace, good health and lots of love! I would also like to wish you a very Happy Valentine's Day!!! I love you, my friend and I truly miss talking to you! (Have you checked your mail, lately?) Je t'aime, ne oubliez pas! Take good care of yourself and let only good spirits! Stay Cool! Always on my mind, Fidelio. XOXO

Happy 18th Birthday to the best cousin in the whole wide "weld", Virginia Sheshamush. I wish I could be there to celebrate with you, especially now that you are old enough to go to...(You know where). Take it easy and enjoy your day! A special happy belated 17th birthday goes out to my brother Buckley. I hope you had fun and look for something in the mail, I'll send it to you when I have money. Better late than never, right? Take care and I'll see you soon From Gloria.

I would like to wish my mother Emma Wapachee a Happy Birthday and may the Good Lord bless you with many more...I Love you with all my heart! Love: Your daughter Brenda-Rose

I would like to wish a happy birthday to my husband Michael on Jan. 31, and more to come. Fr. Demerise We would like to wish our dad Michael a happy birthday and we love you so much. Fr. Jennifer, Whitney, Hazel

We would like to wish a happy 1st birthday to our daughter, Hazel, and baby sister. We love you so much. Fr. Mom & Dad & sisters

We would like to wish both our children Robin & Tyronne Longchap a very happy birthday on Feb. 9. We love you both very much! fr. .Mom & Dad (Era& Morely)

We would like to wish a happy 10th Birthday to our daughter Alyssa Coonish on Feb.3. We love you! Fr. Mom & Dad (Mary & Rene)

Happy Birthday to my sister, Mabel Voyageur on Feb.1st and

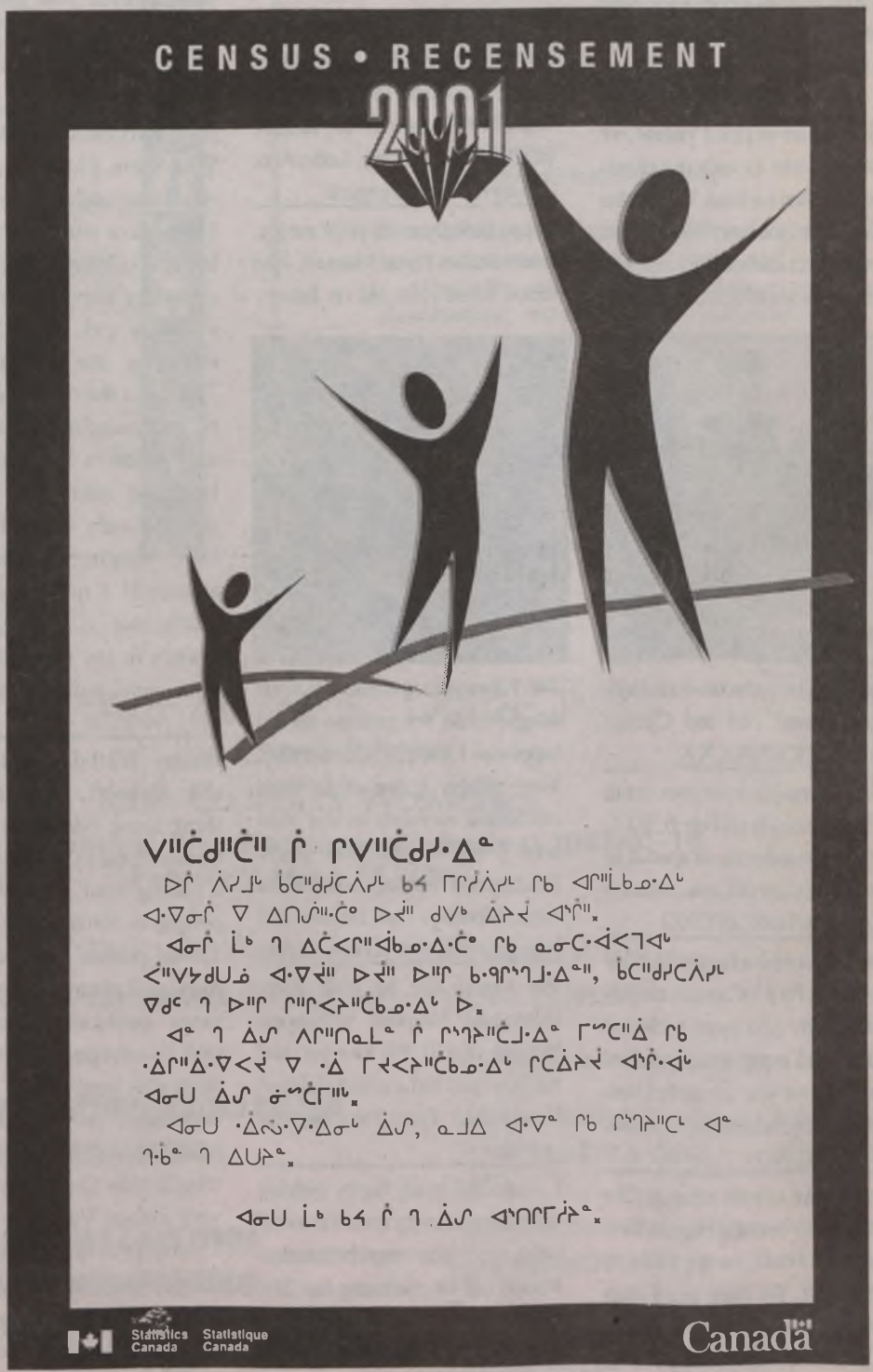
many more to come. Thanks for always being there for me. Fr. Mary 300 – personals

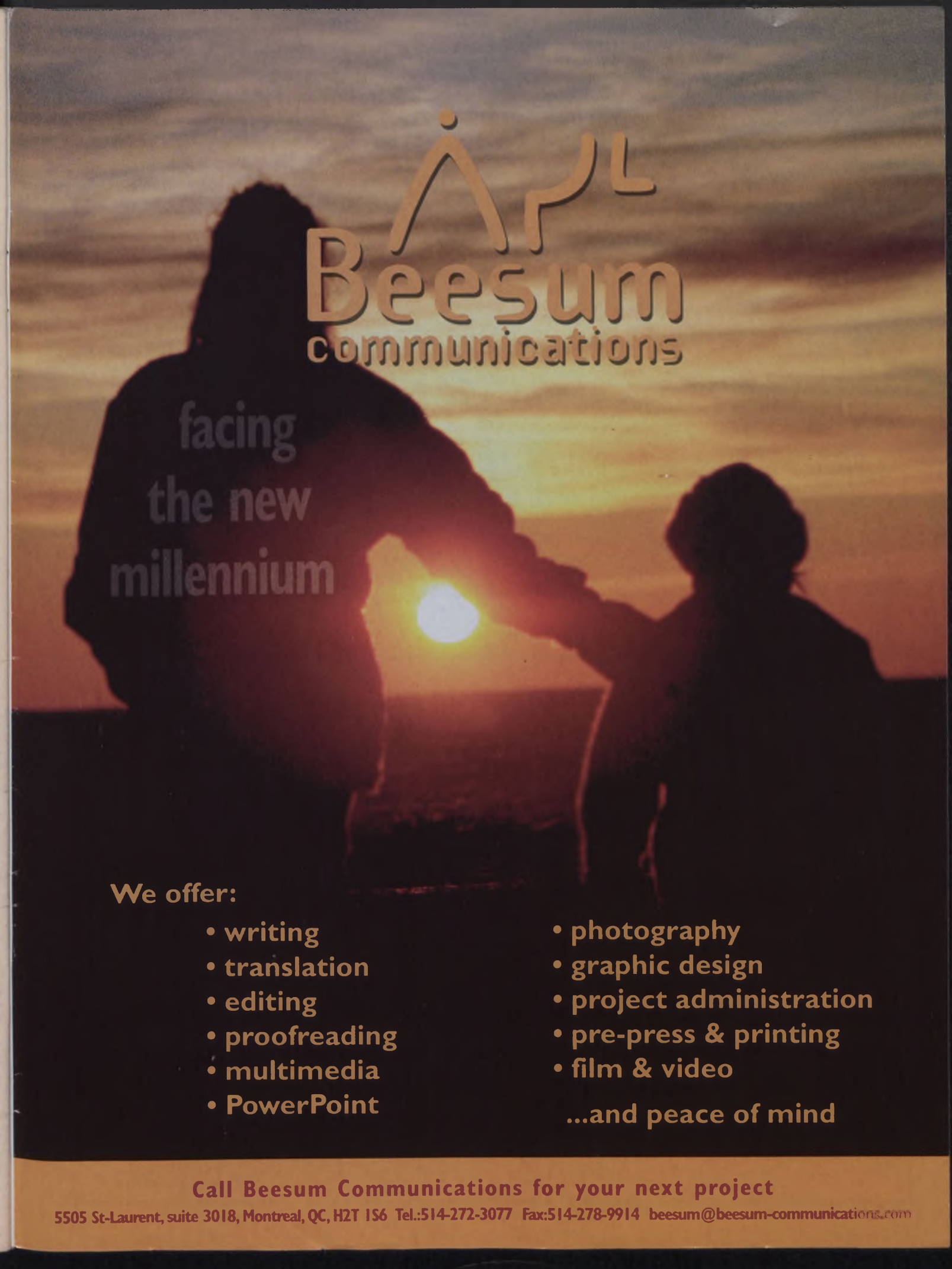
Happy Valentine's Day to the most wonderful and loving person in my life, my fiancé, Sinclair Neeposh Jr. I want to let you know how much I appreciate you and how much I cherish every day because of you and the love we share. It's so wonderful to have your love in my life. I can't tell you what or how much it means to have you by my side. I hope you know what a blessing you've been. I love you always and forever. With eternal love: Melanie Gull XOXOXOX

To a very pretty and cute girl that I admire. Her name is Sonya Mianscum from Waswanipi. I wanna let you know how pretty and cute you are and I love you so dearly. From: your secret admirer.

To our two beautiful precious angels, Selena and Serena Gull. You both mean the world to us. we love you both so dearly., we thank God for what he's given us. You filled our lives with so much love, happiness and memories. We love you. Happy Valentine's Day our loves!! Love always, Mommy (Melanie) and Daddy (Sinclair Jr.) XOXOXOX(Wasw.)

To the cutest and the hottest guy in Wasw., Calvin Gull. I want to let you know how deep my feelings are for you. You are the sweetest guy in Wasw. I only wish you could be mine this Valentine's. Happy Valentine's Day, hottie. Love always, your secret admirer from Wasw. I'll reveal myself to you this Valentine's. Don't be surprised of who I am. Hope you like me.





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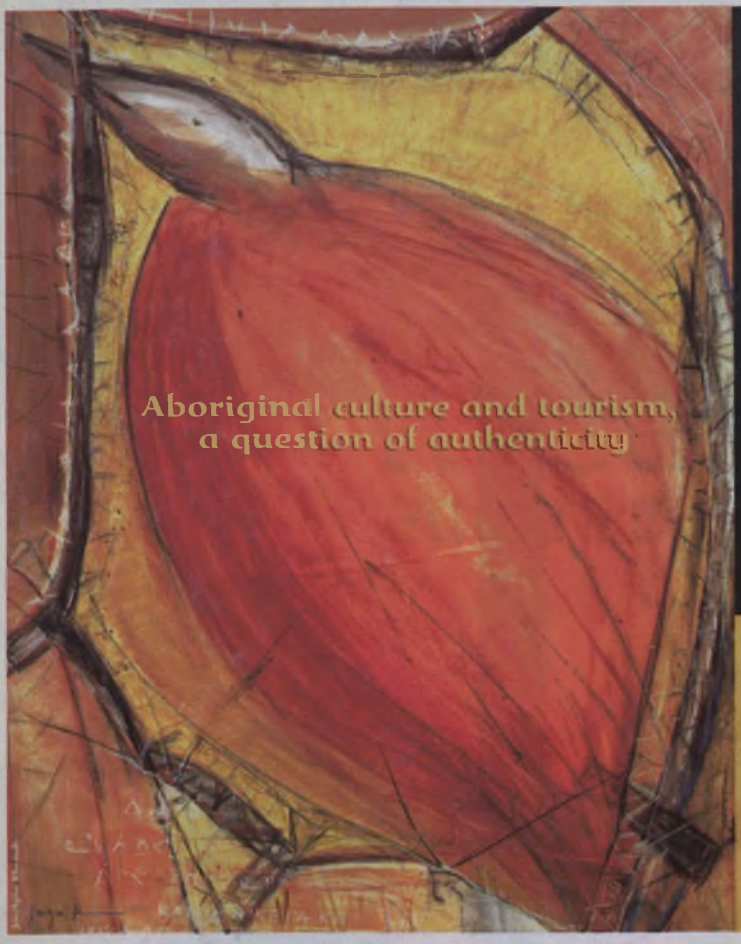

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COMMUNITY VISITS OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE CREE SCHOOL BOARD

At the end of March 2000, the Cree School Board invited representatives from each community to meet and discuss the results of the Mianscum Report and at this meeting, hopefully reach a consensus as to how the Cree School Board, as a whole, would arrive at addressing all issues that were outlined in this report.

The Mianscum Report outlined twenty (20) major concerns or problem areas that need to be addressed at the local level. These crucial issues are considered by the majority of the people of Eeyou Istchee as the main obstacles that prevent a huge percentage of our students from successfully completing their studies at the Secondary level.

The responsibility of creating teams or steering committees was given to each School Commissioner. As the people's representative on the Council of Commissioners, the Chairperson of the Cree School Board has the obligation to provide support and to do what is possible in order to ensure that this mandate is carried out.

2001

February 19 to February 20: WEMINDJI
(Committee already in place)
February 21 to February 23
February 26 to March 2: CHISASIBI
(Local Education Conference to take place at the same time)
March 5 to March 9: NEMASKA
(Regular Commissioners meeting March 6, 7 & 8)
March 12 to 16: OUJEBOUGOUMOU
March 19 to 21: NEMASKA
March 22 & 23
March 26 to 28 EASTMAIN
March 29 & 30: MISTISSINI

At the December meeting of the Council of Commissioners, the schedule of the community visits of the Chairperson was determined, at which time, every effort will be made to begin the initial process in each community. The following are the dates of the visits left:

It is important for people to remember that these visits will initiate only the beginnings of carrying an extensive mandate. Other visits will need to be scheduled throughout the year and in subsequent years as they are needed. In the meantime, we should all seriously consider this question, "who is responsible for the education of our children and our grandchildren and is this responsibility never-ending?" We encourage everyone to come out and participate in the sessions and meetings that are being planned during these visits and hopefully we, the people of Eeyou Istchee, will begin to understand each other's roles and responsibilities in educating our future. After all, it is true that children are our future and we owe it to them to ensure that the foundation and support is there from which they can continue to build and reinforce Eeyou Chiskotamachaoun for their own future.